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QUARTERLY JOURNAL
OF THE
STATISTICAL SOCIETY.

JUNE, 1861.

REPORT of the COUNCIL for the FINANCIAL YEAR ended 31st December, 1860, and for the SESSIONAL YEAR ended March, 1861, presented at the TWENTY-SEVENTH Anniversary Meeting of the STATISTICAL SOCIETY, held in the Society's Rooms, 12, St. James's Square, on Friday, 15th MARCH, 1861;—with the PROCEEDINGS of that Meeting.

SIR JOHN P. BOILEAU, BART., F.R.S., *Vice-President, in the Chair.*

REPORT.

“AT the present time (March, 1861), the number of Fellows is 373—including 70 Life Members:—against 357 (including 70 Life Members)—at the same date 1860. During the twelve months now ended, the losses by resignations, deaths, and non-payments, have been 16, and the New Elections have been 32.

“The Income for the Year ended 31st December, 1860 (omitting the Banker's Balance from 1859), has been 706*l.*, and the Expenditure 787*l.* The Cash Balance to be carried to the current year, 1861, is 216*l.* The necessary expenses connected with the Meeting of the International Statistical Congress, in July last, has led to an extraordinary outlay, which will account for the preceding statement.

“The attendance at the Monthly Meetings has been larger than in former years; and the Meetings themselves have fully maintained the reputation they have so long enjoyed. The discussions which follow the papers read, increase in interest and importance.

“ The following is the List of the Papers which have been read from March, 1860, to February, 1861 :—

Mr. F. D. Fenton.—On the Aboriginal Inhabitants of New Zealand.

Mr. Newmarch.—On Indian Currency and Banking.

Mr. Purdy.—On the Statistics of the Poor Rate, before and since the Poor Law Amendment Act.

Mr. Hare.—On a New Statistical Method for ascertaining the Votes of Majorities.

Mr. T. B. Lloyd Baker.—On the Criminal Returns, 1854-9, with Special Reference to the Results of Reformatories.

Mr. J. T. Hammack.—On the International Statistical Congress, London, 1860.

Mr. Leone Levi.—On the Progress of the Public Expenditure of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Jourdan.—On the Effect of the Gold Supplies upon the Foreign Exchanges, and on the Price of Silver.

“ In pursuance of the invitation of Her Majesty’s Government, and under the Presidency of the Prince Consort, the Fourth Session of the International Statistical Congress was held in London during the week commenced on 16th July last (1860.)

“ The Council have the pleasure to state that the English Meeting of the Congress is generally admitted to have been distinguished for its highly useful and practical results, and for the successful manner in which the arrangements connected with it were conducted. The attendance of many eminent cultivators of Statistics and Political Economy at the Congress afforded to the Fellows of this Society the high gratification of becoming personally acquainted with foreign men of Science, whose names, in the majority of cases, had been long borne on the list of its Honorary Members. In concert with the Institute of Actuaries and the Actuaries’ Club, this Society had the pleasure of entertaining at Dinner, at the Freemasons’ Tavern, on the 19th July, the Official Delegates to the Congress, and many other persons connected with its proceedings. The party amounted on the whole to nearly two hundred persons.

“ The timely and admirable address of the Prince Consort in his capacity of President of the Congress—full of excellent reasoning and the happiest illustrations—has already appeared in the *Journal* of September last; and Mr. Hammack—one of the General Secretaries of the Congress—has contributed to the *Journal* issued during the present month of March (1861), a lucid and interesting summary of the proceedings of the several Sections into which the general body was divided.

“ The Council believe that they are fully justified in describing the effect of the Meeting of the Congress in this country to have been highly beneficial in leading the English public to form more just notions of the utility and importance of sound methods of Statistical inquiry than have hitherto been generally entertained.

“ They desire also, in the name of the Fellows of this Society, to convey to the large body of distinguished Foreign Visitors who attended the Congress, and who, without exception, manifested the most lively interest in the history and labours of this Society, the expression of their warmest acknowledgments and their best wishes.

“ The proceedings of the Section (F) of Economic Science and Statistics, under the Presidency of Mr. Nassau Senior, at the Meeting of the British Association at Oxford, in June last, were of the usual interesting character; and the Fourth Meeting of the National Association for the Promotion of Social Science, held at Glasgow, in September last, was probably one of the largest and most remarkable series of popular assemblies and discussions hitherto held in this country in connection with questions which depend in so large a degree upon Statistical data.

“ The Council have no difficulty in concluding this Report with an assurance that the Society, in all its parts, is vigorous, healthy, and progressive. It has not the command of large pecuniary resources—it has neither endowment nor exclusive privileges, nor official rank of any kind whatever. Its income and its proceedings are wholly sustained by the voluntary efforts of men drawn together by a common pursuit of knowledge, and by a common desire to promote the discovery of truth. And whatever valuable results may have been achieved during its career of nearly thirty years, must be attributed to the energy which springs from freedom, and the progress which waits on self-reliance.”

Mr. Bohn, in moving the adoption of the Report, together with the Abstract of Receipts and Payments, and the Auditors' Report, noticed the good effect which the Meeting of the Congress had produced, and observed that though it had been attended with a little outlay, it could not fail to have a beneficial influence on the promotion of the study of Statistics, and consequently on this Society. Many of the Foreign Delegates who had attended the Congress, had told him, that nothing that had happened during their visit to England, had given them so much satisfaction as their reception by the Statistical Society.

The Resolution having been seconded, was carried unanimously.

A Ballot was taken for the election of a President, Council, and Officers, for the ensuing twelvemonth, and the following was declared to be the List, viz.:—

COUNCIL AND OFFICERS FOR 1861-62.

President.

RIGHT HON. SIR JOHN S. PAKINGTON, BART., M.P.

Council.

Charles Babbage, M.A., F.R.S.	The Right Hon. the Earl of Harrowby.
James Bird, M.D.	Frederick Hendriks
Sir John Peter Boileau, Bart., F.R.S.	James Heywood, F.R.S.
Samuel Brown	William Barwick Hodge
William Camps, M.D.	<i>Charles Jellicoe</i>
David Chadwick	Leone Levi, F.S.A.
Edward Cheshire	William Golden Lumley, LL.M.
<i>The Right Hon. W. F. Cowper, M.P.</i>	The Rt. Hon. Holt Mackenzie, F.R.G.S.
<i>The Right Hon. T. H. Sotherton Es-</i>	William Newmarch
<i>court, M.P.</i>	The Right Hon. Sir John Somerset
William Farr, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.	Pakington, Bart., M.P.
Joseph John Fox	<i>William Pollard Urquhart, M.P.</i>
James William Gilbart, F.R.S.	Frederick Purdy
Sir Francis Henry Goldsmid, Bart., MP.,	<i>Rev. J. E. Thorold Rogers, M.A.</i>
Q.C.	Right Hon. Lord Stanley, M.P.
William Augustus Guy, M.B.	Colonel W. H. Sykes, M.P., F.R.S.
<i>James Thomas Hammack</i>	Richard Valpy

The names of the New Members of the Council are given in Italics.

Treasurer.

William Farr, M.D., D.C.L., F.R.S.

Honorary Secretaries.

William Newmarch | William Augustus Guy, M.B. | William G. Lumley.

Upon the recommendation of the Council, the following

Alteration of Clause V, of the Regulations of the Society, relating to the election of Foreign Honorary and Corresponding Members, by the insertion in line 9 of the words “with a written statement of the qualifications, offices held “by, and published works of, such Foreigners,” between the words “thereof” and “shall,” was agreed to.

A vote of thanks to the retiring President, Council, and Officers, for their services during the past year, having been carried,

The CHAIRMAN, in returning thanks, expressed his satisfaction at the successful nature of the proceedings of the late Congress. The admirable Inaugural Address delivered by the Prince Consort on that occasion, was, with the consent of His Royal Highness, about to be reprinted from the Society's *Journal* and circulated through the country. This would tend to forward the views of the Society, and extend a knowledge of its objects which had not hitherto been generally understood.

The proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

The following is the Report of the Auditors:—

“ The Auditors appointed to examine the Accounts of the Statistical Society for the year 1860, herewith

“ REPORT :—

“ That they have carefully compared the Entries in the Books with the several Vouchers for the same, from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1860, and find them perfectly correct; showing the *Receipts* (including a Balance of 297*l.* 5*s.* 2*d.* from 1859) to have been 1,003*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.*, and the *Payments* 787*l.* 15*s.* 9*d.*, leaving a Balance in favour of the Society of 215*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*

“ They have also had laid before them an Estimate, made by the Council, of the *Assets* and *Liabilities* of the Society, the *former* amounting to 1,803*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*, and the *latter* to 126*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.*,—showing a Balance in favour of the Society of 1,677*l.* 2*s.* 11*d.*

“ They find that at the end of 1859, the number of Fellows was 358, of whom 18 Died, Withdrew, or became Defaulters, and 34 new Fellows were elected during the year 1860, leaving 374 as the number on the list on the 31st December, 1860.

(Signed)

“ SAMUEL BROWN,
“ CORNELIUS WALFORD, } *Auditors.*
“ HENRY BARRY HYDE, }

London, 24th January, 1861.

The statement of Receipts and Payments, and Assets and Liabilities, is as follows:—

(I).—RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS of the STATISTICAL SOCIETY for the YEAR 1860.

RECEIPTS.			PAYMENTS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1859..	297	5 2	Rent.....	75	- -
1860.			Salaries	175	7 11
Dividends.....	29	3 4	Printing <i>Journal</i>	288	- 6
Subscriptions:—			Advertising	27	10 9
272 for 1860 at £2 2s. ..	£571	4 -	Library	21	2 9
Arrears—8 at £2 2s. ..	16	16 -	Index and Catalogue	4	7 6
	588	- -	Stationery and Sundry Printing ...	50	11 1
<i>Journal</i> Sales	67	13 11	Postage and Receipt Stamps	16	10 2
Advertisements in <i>Journal</i>	21	9 -	Incidental Expenses	28	19 3
			Ordinary Meetings	23	14 -
			Fire and Light	25	2 1
			Furniture and Repairs	5	- 9
			Special Outlay (Hallam Testimonial)	5	- -
			Congress Dinner Expenses.....	41	9 -
				787	15 9
			Balance in Bank carried to 1861	215	15 8
	£1,003	11 5		£1,003	11 5

(II).—BALANCE SHEET of ASSETS and LIABILITIES on 31st DECEMBER, 1860.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Printing <i>Journal</i> for December, 1860 }	85	- -	Cash Balance	215	15 8
(say)			Investments:—		
Stationery and Sundry Printing.....	14	12 3	3 per Cent. Consols ... cost £300		
Advertising December <i>Journal</i>	6	10 -	New 3 per Cents. „	567	- -
Index and Catalogue	10	- 6		867	- -
Grant for Portrait Frame	10	10 -	Property (Estimated Value):—		
	126	12 9	Books in Library.....	£400	
Balance in favour of Society . . .	1,677	2 11	<i>Journals</i> in Stock	200	
			Furniture	100	
				700	- -
	£1803	15 8	Arrears due and recoverable (say) ..	21	- -
				£1,803	15 8